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PAS Supports “Volunteerism Workshop” at AC Lamu “Vijana Tujitolee ni wajibu wetu”

On May 5 2012 PAS Nairobi sponsored 110 Lamu youth to attend a one day workshop on volunteerism at Lamu AC. In his welcoming remarks the National Museum Lamu Administrator Ms. Amina Kale thanked the US Embassy for their kind support towards the Muslim community and also encouraged youth to volunteer in every aspect. The US Embassy Outreach Coordinator Ms. Rukiya Mwinyi thanked the American Corner for organizing the workshop. She talked on her experience as alumni and the need for youth to give back to the community. Sheikh Mshali Khamis Kadhi Lamu talked about volunteerism from the Islamic perspective, it's not a new concept under the Islamic religion and that prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the caliphs used to volunteer a lot of their time helping others. The main facilitator was Dr. Othman Mujahid – IVLP alumni talked about the benefit of volunteerism both at individual and organizational level; Trends in volunteerism & Volunteerism in the Swahili Culture and used his own experience as volunteer to build on his career. The program focused on professional youth so as to give them a feeling of community involvement, advocate responsibility and also make them aware of the opportunities available through volunteering. Later on the youth cleaned the Lamu sea front.

Youth in Kenya forms over 70% of the population; volunteerism is a great theme and for the professional youth willing to practice it will help a lot in reducing the gap between knowledge and experience on practicable work. The program has helped the youth experience personal connection to the Embassy and Lamu American Corner and at the same time they were exposed to positive information about the U.S.



Lamu Youth Volunteers displays their certificates after completion of the workshop



Volunteers cleaning the front of lamu fort.



Alumni Dr. Mujahid giving a presentation



Audience during the workshop